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Notice of Appeal, filed February 2, 2004 has invoked 37 CFR 1.116.
Applicant's Appeal Brief is due 2 months from the filing of the Notice of Appeal.

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments filed February 2, 2004 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. In response to applicant's argument that the references teaches away from using the same random number for both an encryption process and a signature process, it is noted that the features upon which applicant relies (i.e. ElGamal encryption and ElGamal signature) are not recited in the rejected claim(s). Claim 1 details use of a general ElGamal encryption means using a random number c and a signature means using the same random number c ; however, the signature is not specified as an ElGamal signature in the claim. Although the claims are interpreted in light of the specification, limitations from the specification are not read into the claims. See *In re Van Geuns*, 988 F.2d 1181, 26 USPQ2d 1057 (Fed. Cir. 1993).

Conclusion

The Notice of Appeal received on February 2, 2004 has invoked 1.116. The Appeal brief is due 2 months from the date of receipt of the Notice of Appeal.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jung W Kim whose telephone number is (703) 305-8289. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M..

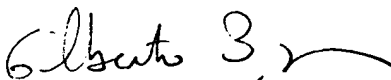
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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gilberto Barron can be reached on (703) 305-1830. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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